



**Full Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 4, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Dr. Jeffrey P. & Barbara S. Feingold Board of Trustees Room**  
**777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431**

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**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Anthony Barbar convened the full board meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees with the following members participating:

Mr. Kevin Buchanan, Mr. Brent Burns, Mr. Shaun Davis, Dr. Michael Dennis, Dr. Malcolm Dorman, Mrs. Mary Beth McDonald, Mr. Abdol Moabery, Mr. Robert Rubin, Mr. Bob Stilley, and Dr. Kevin Wagner

The following university officials participated: Dr. John Kelly, University President, Mr. David Kian, VP Legal Affairs and General Counsel and Mr. Andrew LaPlant, Board of Trustees Operations.

**Roll was taken and a quorum was present.**

**II. Chair's Report**

Chair Barbar opened his remarks discussing the upcoming Board of Governors (BOG) meeting. During the meeting, each university will present the accountability report that was approved this past March. The trustee summit will take place on October 29-30 at the University of Florida. There will be a spotlight on educating trustees. He asked all trustees to prioritize the summit on their calendars. Chair Barbar then noted that the recently concluded legislative session was one to celebrate. There are a lot of people to thank. It was a cumulative effort over five years. Having VP Jeff Atwater there made a big difference and Chair Barbar thanked him for the time he put in. Chair Barbar also noticed the respect all of FAU's vice presidents have with the BOG. When our vice presidents tell them

something, they listen to what is being said. He said that is a testimony to the quality of our vice presidents and the leadership of President Kelly. Our baseball team had a great season winning the regular season Conference USA championship and finishing second in the conference tournament. The team made the NCAA tournament. FAU Athletics will be doing the Winning in Paradise Tour this summer with football coach Lane Kiffin headlining three events. He thanked Dr. Kelly, Dr. Dan Flynn, VP Research, Jim Sullivan, Executive Director, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Trustee Jeffrey Feingold and Trustee Brad Levine for their efforts to build and solidify many of the relationships FAU has with Israel.

### **III. President's Report**

President Kelly opened by saying the Provost has provided the 2019 Promotion & Tenure documents for the promoted faculty of the university. Those have been accepted, and Dr. Kelly certified that all BOT promotion and tenure processes and procedures had been followed. Dr. Kelly then reported on ten visits that he Vice President Nias had at the homes of donors to get ready for the comprehensive campaign. He also said that FAU's participation in Governor DeSantis' recent visit to Israel went phenomenally well. The wife of Leon Charney came out to Israel and surprised Dr. Kelly for one of our MOU signings at Haifa University. Dr. Kelly is now on the board of the Charney Resolution Center in Israel. He then reported that the donor cruise had 32 people on it. He thanked his wife for all the work she put in. Dr. Kelly also said that he had called Rep. Randy Fine, the next head of higher education appropriations committee. He was impressed by all of the things going on at FAU. Dr. Kelly invited him to take a personal tour of campus and invited the trustees as well. Dr. Kelly then asked Dr. Dan Flynn to speak more about the Israel trip.

Dr. Flynn opened his presentation noting that a Florida Statute establishes Linkage Institutes between institutions of higher education in the State of Florida and foreign countries. FAU is assigned to Israel with the purpose to promote direct Florida-Israel research, academic, commerce, education and cultural connections. Dr. Flynn went over the history of engagement including the last trade mission in 2017. He spoke about the ongoing activities. These included activities with the University of Haifa, Technion, Ben Gurion University, Ariel University, the Weizmann Institute, and space Florida collaboration between HBOI and Israeli Space Research. The purpose of the trip was to have substantive Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) signed. He went over the MOUs signed, including institutional and programmatic. Dr. Flynn stated that 199 articles were published about FAU and the Israel trip. The total potential audience reach was 112,990,847 with an estimated

total Advertising Value Equivalence of \$1,045,165. Trustee Feingold hosted a luncheon for everyone at the City of David. After the luncheon, Governor DeSantis, President Kelly, Trustee Feingold, and other VIPs left for a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Dr. Flynn talked about the programmatic plan of the trip. This plan aligns with FAU's strategic initiative to form strong research faculty programs with Israeli Institutes, create affiliate appointments, pursue programmatic grants and create subcontracts for Israeli scientists, include Israeli scientists on seminar series, recruit Israeli PhD graduate students, and recruit senior Israeli scientists to FAU. Education is another piece of the programmatic plan, including exchange of faculty, post-doctoral fellows, graduates, undergraduates, co-development of online courses, and access courses at each other's institutions. Dr. Flynn presented the alignments with a pillar of the strategic plan or college. Those were HBOI, "Healthy Aging," iSENSE, iBRAIN, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine and the College of Business. The next steps are to develop a "white paper" description of the engagement between Israeli Universities and the FAU Strategic Plan; develop communication, philanthropy, and recruitment plans; continue with a seminar series under the Florida-Israel Institute; and identify and pursue philanthropic, research, and corporate support. He thanked the Israel Engagement Team. The team is Dr. Daniel Raviv, Director, Florida-Israel Institute Branch; Dr. Anton Post, Associate VP Research; and Dr. Mihaela Metianu, Executive Director, Center for Global Engagement. Dr. Flynn thanked Trustees Feingold and Levine for all of their help on the trip. Trustee Levine added that FAU was so prominent that one of the other presidents on the trip said we knocked it "out of the park". He was extremely proud of the work done.

#### **IV. Colors of Money Presentation**

VP for Finance Jeff Atwater delivered a presentation on "the Colors of Money," which is shorthand for the various categories of state appropriations that affect state universities. The BOG requires that this presentation be given to each BOT. The training materials were in the trustees' background packets. The presentation described Education & General (E&G) funding, including Carryforward funds; Contract and Grants; Auxiliary Operations; and Fixed Capital Outlay. Atwater went over the purpose of E&G funds, Carryforward Dos and Don'ts, Contracts and Grants (including Sponsored Research, Grants/Donations, and Developmental Research Schools), Auxiliary Enterprises, and Fixed Capital Outlay (Public Education Capital Outlay, Capital Improvement Trust Fund Fee, Authorized University Revenues and Authorized Non-State Revenues).

## **V. Public Comments**

No public comments.

## **VI. Consent Agenda**

Chair Barbar stated that all items were discussed and approved unanimously in their respective committees. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Governance Committee, Audit & Compliance Committee, Budget & Finance Committee, Strategic Planning and Initiatives Committee, and Committee on Academic and Student Affairs consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

## **VII. New Business**

### **a. Approval of Full Board Minutes**

#### **i. March 26, 2019**

Chair Barbar asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 26, 2019 Full Board Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

### **b. Approval of University Elements**

#### **a) Abessinio Court**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Abessinio Court. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **b) Danny More Recruiting Coordinator's Office**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Danny More Recruiting Coordinator's Office. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **c) Diane More and Family Office**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Diane More and Family Office. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**d) Rubin and Cindy Gruber Sandbox**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Rubin and Cindy Gruber Sandbox. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**VIII. BOT Member Comments**

Trustee Dennis opened the comments by saying it was an extremely productive meeting. It's been great to read the reports that President Kelly provides. Trustee Stilley thought this was one of the best meetings he has attended. Trustee Dorman thought Ryan Britton and Government Relations are doing a wonderful job and acknowledged the \$3 million gift, which reflects the reputation of the university. He pointed out the stellar work of VP Legal Affairs and General Counsel David Kian, which sometimes go unnoticed. Trustee Dorman closed by saying that wherever he goes, Dr. Kelly's name is positively mentioned with FAU. Trustee Levine noted that Dr. Kelly hand-wrote 500-plus notes, which is unheard of at that level. The things that are happening at the university are amazing and with that kind of attention to detail, the results will keep getting better. Trustee Burns said hosting Dr. Kelly's dinner for the donors went really well. Dr. Kelly gives a great presentation. Trustee Burns was also impressed by Provost Danilowicz and the faculty, especially the artificial intelligence initiatives. Trustee Davis echoed the previous comments and thanked Chair Barbar and Dr. Kelly. Trustee Moabery applauded the legislative allocation for FAU 100. Recurring dollars are incredibly difficult to get. Our success shows the legislature believe in our president and our goal of becoming a top 100 university. Trustee Moabery finished by urging the trustees to buy football tickets. Trustee Rubin echoed the satisfaction with the budget. Trustee Wagner said the trustees see the end results of extensive faculty processes, many of which take longer than a year. The faculty are really proud of these programs. Trustee Buchanan wanted to point out the work of Ryan Brittan with student government. The students being able to sit down with legislators for FAU Day and the Rally in Tally is key to them understanding how funding works. Trustee Buchanan also thanked VP Student Affairs Corey King for his work with him and student government.

**IX. Adjournment**

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.**